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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : DUMOUTIER, Laura et al.

Serial No. : 09/626,617

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For : ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WHICH ENCODE T CELL INDUCIBLE FACTORS, OR INTERLEUKIN-21, THE PROTEINS ENCODED, AND USES THEREOF

Group Art Unit : 1644

Examiner : A. Decloux

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

In response to the office action dated July 16, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 13-21 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment is requested. Claims 1-12 will be pending. Non-elected claims 13-21 have been cancelled.

No prior art has been applied to the claims; however, the examiner has deemed claims 1-7 to be non-enabled, arguing that there is enablement for the use of human TIF/IL-21 to stimulate STAT 3 or STAT 1 and for using murine TIF/IL-21 to stimulate STAT 3 and STAT 5, generic claims are not enabled.

This rejection is traversed. Applicants draw the examiner's attention to example 21, especially the last lines thereof, at page 22: